

Price for jaggery arrack in Nagercoil Distillery.

56. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the supply price for jaggery arrack in Nagercoil Distillery was reduced from Bh. Rs. 2-2-0 to Bh. Rs. 2-0-0?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether the issue price of jaggery arrack was reduced in the Nagercoil Distillery after it was sold to Messrs. Parry and Co.?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: The supply price was reduced before Messrs. Parry and Co., took up the concern.

Conviction of Shima Raja Pandian.

57. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether one Shima Raja Pandian of Madura was early in October 1938 convicted by the Shencotta Magistrate along with Messrs. Karuppuswami Asari and Krishnaswami Chetty;

(b) whether subsequently he was taken to the Quilon Kashba Police Station;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, the date of taking him there; and

(d) when and why he was taken to the Quilon District Hospital?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) 20-2-1114

(d) He was taken to the Quilon District Hospital on 21-2-1114 as he complained that he was suffering from chest pain.

Drinking water in Eraniel.

58. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation was conducted by them as to the availability of good drinking water from the existing wells in the town of Eraniel, Kalkulam taluk;

(b) the result of the said investigation;

(c) whether there is any well in that town, the water in which is not brackish or saline;

(d) whether the officer appointed for investigation of tube wells visited this town and conducted any investigation re the need of tube wells; and

(e) if so, whether he has recommended any tube wells for this town?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (a) Yes.

(b) It was found that almost all the wells in the town yield only brackish water except a few in the banks of the Valliyar.

(c) Vide reply to part (b).

(d) Yes.

(e) No.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know whether any special recommendation was made?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Made to whom?

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the nature of the recommendation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I say "made to whom".

PRESIDENT: The honourable member should address the chair.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the nature of the specific recommendation made?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Sir, I want to know to whom the recommendation was made?

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: To Government.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Recommendations and representations made to Government are confidential.

Strike in Schools.

59. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the Schools in the State in which students struck work or carried on picketing in 1114, resulting in low attendance in the schools, together with the action taken by the authorities in the matter?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: A list is placed on the Secretary's table. Prompt steps were taken to carry on work in schools during the strike enlisting local support. Disciplinary action was taken by the department against the teachers, students and managements whose behaviour called for notice.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Meenachil cum Thodupuzha*): May I know from Government what sort of disciplinary action was taken by the authorities against the managements concerned?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Sir, I did not hear the question.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member wants to know the nature of the disciplinary action taken against the managements concerned.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Disciplinary action was taken by way of cutting short their grants and such other privileges they enjoyed.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: What is the name of the institution whose grant was withheld?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The names are among those given in the list.

Recruitment to the Police Department.

60. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 200 Police Constables who were recruited during the month of Thulam 1114 M. E. and the 500 Police Constables who were recruited during the month of Makaram 1114 M. E. were recruited in consultation with the Public Service Commissioner and in accordance with the Public Service Recruitment Rules, 1111;